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Supervisor Rutherford Comments on Redistricting Proposals

San Bernardino County Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford released the following statement on Tuesday following the Board of Supervisors' redistricting workshop.

"I support continuing Second District representation in the mountain communities because I believe it is in mountain residents' best interest to have multiple representatives on the Board of Supervisors.

"The on-going bark beetle emergency, as Vice-Chair Mitzelfelt pointed out during our meeting today, is a great example of a mountain issue that may not have received as much attention without three Supervisors representing mountain communities.

"Including all of the eastern mountain communities in a single district would not increase County services for residents in those communities, but it would dilute the representation that mountain residents currently have on the Board of Supervisors.

"The Crestline and Lake Arrowhead communities clearly belong in the same Supervisorial district because they are communities of interest."

According to 2010 census figures, the First District and Second District grew considerably over the past ten years and must shrink in order to ensure an adequate population distribution amongst the five Supervisorial districts.

Current Supervisorial District Populations:

First District: 465,538
Second District: 429,997
Third District: 384,507
Fourth District: 366,486
Fifth District: 388,682

California Election Code 21500 requires counties to adjust the boundaries of supervisorial districts following the decennial federal census to ensure the districts are nearly equal in population. Following redistricting, San Bernardino County's Supervisorial districts will each have a total population of about 407,000.

Second District Supervisor Rutherford represents the cities of Fontana, Rancho Cucamonga and Upland as well as the unincorporated communities of Crestline, San Antonio Heights, Lytle Creek, Devore, and Mt. Baldy.

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